

September



Ms. Hurley's Kindergarten Newsletter

Important Dates

**10/1 - PBIS
Assembly - Wear
Red!**

**October 2 - Book
Orders Due!**

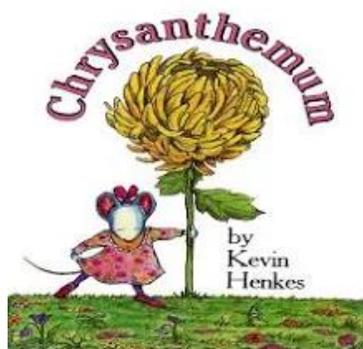
**October 3 -
Pumpkin Patch
Field Trip**

**10/4 - Homecoming
8:45 Pep Rally
2:45 Parade**

Classroom News

We had so much fun at the NED assembly this week! We will learn more about mindset during guidance and classroom lessons. The yo-yos are taken care of by the paraprofessionals who have an area set up for children to play with their yo-yos during recess time. The children were so excited to try all of the neat tricks that they saw at the performance.

October book orders were sent home a few days ago. I talked to the children who were wondering about getting books how it worked and that families can decide if they would like to order or not. If you ever want to order books as gifts, please let me know and I will put them away until you can pick them up. We read three new classroom books that we were able to get FREE because of our classroom order. Our favorite was Perfect about a pencil and eraser. Thank you!



Literacy Tip: Review the new sight words at home! The children are so excited to be reading words on their own. Ask your child about the sight word songs.

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Reminders

We go to the pumpkin patch next week! A reminder note will come home. For those who have offered to chaperone, you will meet us at Bures Berry Patch as we do not have room on the bus. Thank you for joining us! IT's a fun time!

If you are picking your child up BEFORE the parade, please go to the office and sign your child out. He/she will meet you in the office. If you plan to meet us, we will be walking up to Second Street. Children getting picked up at the ELC will be walked down and bus riders will be taken to the bus as usual.

Play Time

The children are working on solving problems independently. We will continue to talk about the size of the problem and determine if it's a small, medium, or large problem. I read a story called The Invisible Boy and we talked about including others and being kind to everyone. We used the solution cards that were used in 4K to think of solutions to problems. the children have access to these cards and can use them at any time during the day.



Here's What We Learned

Phonics: We learned songs for the letters Kk, Ll, Mm, Nn, and Oo. Each letter has an action and an Alpha Friend character. Ask your child to sing you a song! They're having so much fun with these. We learned our first kindergarten sight words: **a** and **to**. Each week I will introduce two new words. There will be different games and activities to help the children practice each word. We will also learn a song and actions for each of the new words. There are 60 kindergarten sight words and the goal is to help the children recognize as many as they can.

Math: We had fun with patterns this week. We made patterns with colors, shapes, sizes, and sounds. We had fun sorting in different ways. We are working on learning our birthdays and made a class graph to show when our friends' birthdays are. I introduced the children to coins and we practiced sorting them in different ways that the children came up with. Today we worked on figuring out what number comes next after a given number.

Literacy: We read Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes and counted the letters in our names. We used name tags to try writing our names with only a capital letter at the beginning and the rest lowercase. Today we painted a mouse like Chrysanthemum in the story and did our best name writing to go with our pictures.

Writer's Workshop: We thought of an idea for a story and tried to show it on paper. We talked about writing about something that really happened to us because those will be the best stories!